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To: Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency (DEDC)

Re: Transport Canada response to the DEDC Motion dated October 20, 2022

Thank you for the important ongoing work of the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency (DEDC) in examining the exercise of powers and the performance of duties and functions pursuant to a declaration of emergency.

In response to the DEDC Motion of October 20, 2022, Transport Canada (TC) has reviewed the redactions applied to the materials produced in accordance with the May 31, 2022, Production Order issued by DEDC.

Only one document from the TC submission package to DEDC contains redactions, which is the document listed as “Possible Actions” in the Transport Canada cover letter, (but which is titled “Additional Authorities” in the package). This document summarizes work undertaken by TC officials to review the authorities and powers contained in various statutes under the responsibility of the Minister of Transport and examine options to help address the occupation and blockades, and to support law enforcement.

Text on pages 3-4 of the document were redacted on the grounds that they contain information that is Solicitor-Client Privilege. As set out in the letter dated June 29, 2022, from François Daigle, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada, legal advice to the Crown which is protected by solicitor-client privilege is normally withheld and not disclosed to committees of Parliament. These redactions have been applied consistently in the production of documents for the Public Order Emergency Commission.

Transport Canada wishes to continue to support the work of DEDC and remains available to assist with any queries related to the submission package.

Yours sincerely,

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